

SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION:

The procurement of the services specified in the attached Request for Professional Services is recommended to be processed without full and open competition. The project "An Epidemiologic Health Study of Manganese Exposure in East Liverpool, Ohio" has been selected by Region 5 to be funded under the Regional Applied Research Effort sponsored by the Office of Science Policy. The proposed contractor, Rosemarie Bowler of San Francisco State University, conducted an epidemiologic health study of manganese exposure in Marietta, OH and Mt. Vernon, OH as part of a previous RARE project. The data from these two towns is proprietary, containing Personally Identifiable Information such as address, which cannot be passed to another organization. The East Liverpool, OH study must use the same protocol, selection criteria and measurement techniques so that the study results are comparable across the three towns. Therefore, the proposed contractor is the only one with the capacity of conducting the proposed new study using the same protocol, selection criteria and measurement techniques which will ensure that data can be compared across the three communities and access to the previous studies data for spatial analyses. Due to proposed contractor's unique capabilities, it is recommended that this professional services contract be granted without competition.

AUTHORITY AND FAR REFERENCE

The basis for this recommendation is 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(1); FAR 6.302-1; only one responsible source.